## FLEMING FLASHPAPER

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#### CARYL FLEMING IBM RING 21 NORTH HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA

Celebrating the enjoyment and camaraderie of magic since 1938!

#### DON'T MISS OUT: WHAT'S COMING UP!

AUGUST 2<sup>ND:</sup> Puppet Workshop with Lois Harmeyer!

AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>: We will be performing at 2:30 for the residents of Providence St Elizabeth.

## DO YOU EVER SHOP ON AMAZON?

If so, then add our website link to your favorites and use the Amazon link at the bottom of our web page. Our club will get a referral bonus!

#### RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

**NEXT MEETING:** 

Thursday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:15 pm

Providence St Elizabeth 10425 Magnolia Blvd North Hollywood, CA

We are on twitter!
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And the internet! www.ibmring21.org



## **MAGIC RESOURCES**

#### Westside Wizards Sam 291

Note: See  $\underline{www.westsidewizards.org}$  for calendar of events Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care

11759 Missouri Ave, Los Angeles, CA

#### Mark Wilson IBM Ring 280

Note: See <a href="www.ibmring280.com">www.ibmring280.com</a> for info and calendar The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley 24909 Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA 91321

#### **Vertical Wine Bistro Dinner & Magic Show**

NOTE: Vertical Wine Bistro has the best steak around! 70 N. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91103

www.verticalwinebistro.com

626-795-3999

#### **Woodley Proper Magic Monday**

Bar has magic on Monday nights. www.woodleyproper.com

16101 Ventura Blvd, Encino, CA 91436

(818) 906-9775

#### MAGIC MONDAY Santa Monica Playhouse

www.santamonicaplayhouse.com 1211 4th Street Santa Monica, CA, 90401

## Magic and Wine – David Minkin Bardot

1737 North Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90028

www.MagicandWine.com

(800) 838-3006

## Ivan Imodei's Intimate Illusions – The Show Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel

9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 <a href="https://www.ivanamodei.com">www.ivanamodei.com</a> (866) 811-4111

Smoke and Mirrors The Road Theatre

5108 Lankershim Boulevard North Hollywood, CA 91601 www.SmokeandMirrorsMagic.com

(310) 450-2849

#### The Magic Castle 7001 Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90028 www.magiccastle.com

(323) 851-3313

JULY 2018 PROGRAM:

## FOUR CORNERS TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH!

Renewing a popular theme for the July meeting, Ring 21 members got together to teach, learn, and share ideas. With tables at four corners of the room, and four volunteer "teachers" the rest of the club attendees spent 10-15 minutes at each location learning a new skill, trick or magical concept to add to their arsenal of magic.

At one spot President Bob Thomas had rubber bands for all and provided some clever variations of basic rubber band magic. At another table, Erin Kabbash gave a lesson on using back reader cards to do a version of the popular "Out off this World."

Gerry Schiller's card presentation was about card "stacks." He showed the basic "Eight Kings" stack and his variation on it and how it could be used to do a "mind blowing" trick. From an "apparently" mixed deck that was held under a table and out of view, three cards were turned over and re-inserted in the deck.

When the deck was tucked into the card box, the magician announced the identity of the three cards and was proven correct.

Karl Johnson did a coin to empty Aldoid Box routine.

Upcoming events will include a puppet making session with skilled puppeteer Lois Harmeyer, and, in October our popular installation of officers banquet at Taix Restaurant.

# The Greats of Magic A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians by Gerald Schiller



## **Bartolemeo Bosco**

Born in 1793, Bartolemeo Bosco—as a young man of nineteen—found himself forced into Napoleon's army. Wounded in the Battle of Borodino in Russia in 1812, he was taken prisoner by the Russians and sent off to Siberia.

Bosco, however, had learned some sleight of hand tricks and began to entertain other prisoners with his magic. Soon he was performing for his jailors and later was even entertaining the ministers of the Tsar.

Freed in 1814, he went to Italy to study medicine. But the allure of doing magic enticed him and soon he was doing performances on the street for passersby. He moved to Paris and was able to set up his own theater. Her was noted especially for his presentation of the cups and balls using three cups and five balls, frequently having the balls change color.

The famous magician Robert-Houdin saw him perform in Paris in 1837 and was most impressed with Bosco's manipulation. However, Houdin was not impressed with two of the effects Bosco did with livestock. In one he would—apparently—cut the heads off a black and a white pigeon and have the heads re-appear, but on the pigeon of the other color!

In another of his effects, he would stuff a canary into a pistol and fire the weapon into the air, then he would catch the bird on the point of a sword!

Houdin was certain that the birds were being killed in the performance and when he wrote his memoirs, he was severely critical of Bosco's treatment of the animals.

Bosco was also noted for walking through a marketplace, making rings appear in cabbages and making borrowed watches vanish and then be found in loaves of bread.

Bartolemeo Bosco died in Dresden at the age of 70, but the name Bosco was later used by a number of magicians.

Eugene Bosco (born in 1823) was a popular performer and master of many languages.

Giovanni Bosco (born in 1815) had the distinction of being named the official Roman Catholic Patron Saint of Magicians!

A popular performer of the early 1900's was Servais LeRoy. He developed an act with two other performers called: LeRoy, Talma, and Bosco. The Talma was Mercedes Talma who would become a highly skilled female coin manipulator. The "Bosco" was a comedian who provided the bumbling humor of the act. The original was Leon Bosco, but the comic role was later played by eight different performers—all of whom kept the name so the act always had the popular title: LeRoy, Talma, and Bosco.

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